

GUIGON CHARGES STEAM-ROLLING METHODS BY CLUB

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tain Guigon's nomination of Messrs. Banks, Brockenbrough and Netherwood, the nominations were declared closed, and the committee's board elected as recommended.

Following the election of the board, the motion was made that in future meetings of the club, voting by proxy be allowed. It was pointed out that while there are 500 subscribing members and 250 chorus members of the club, sixty-four members last night settled the important business before the organization. The motion was passed by a good majority.

Board of Governors.
The reconstructed board of governors consists of C. A. Canepa, John Stewart Bryan, J. William Friend, Norman Call, J. G. Corley, G. Gordon, G. Jeter Jones, Henry T. Meloney, W. C. Mercer, George Ainslie, J. Scott Parrish, George W. Stevens, W. K. Matthews, Dr. E. N. Calisch, Henry C. Stuart and M. T. Spicer. J. G. Corley was unanimously re-elected president, and the same honor was accorded Henry T. Meloney, vice-president.

According to the report of Treasurer Greener, the club practically met expenses during the year. Due to financial reverses in former seasons, the organization is still \$1,263.51 in debt. The midwinter venture of "The Messiah" was a box-office failure. The production entailed a cost of \$549.15, while receipts from tickets amounted to only \$234. The balance of \$315.15, and \$10,534.07, and brought in \$10,218.92. If the board of governors acts favorably upon President Corley's recommendation, a campaign for a new city auditorium will soon be launched. In case it is found impossible to secure appropriation for a new hall at this time, Mr. Corley urged a plea for the remodeling of the City Auditorium. He suggested that dressing room and boxes be provided and other galleries be added.

President's Report.
President Corley's report is as follows: "It is with exceeding pleasure that I congratulate the members of the chorus of the Wednesday Club on the splendid success of their work for the season just closed."

Mr. W. Henry Baker deserves special mention for the six months of work which he faithfully performed in preparing the chorus for the midwinter and spring concerts, and his untiring and successful efforts in augmenting the membership of the chorus. The members of the music committee were faithful in the performance of their duties, and endeavored to secure a program that would be pleasing to all. The board of governors and other committees never failed to respond to any duty requiring their time and attention, doing most willingly, by any and every means which would contribute to the success of the festival.

I wish especially to express my appreciation to the subscribing members of the club who in loan and fat years, stood so nobly by this good work, making it possible for the Wednesday Club to continue its educational work uninterrupted for twenty years. "Right here let me pause to say that in the continuation of this work the Wednesday Club has succeeded, while work of similar organizations in cities many times larger than Richmond has failed, owing to the indifference of the public in patronizing liberally local choruses. In the city of Baltimore, I understand that the work of their choral society has been interrupted many times in the past twenty years, while in Cincinnati they now hold their festivals only once in two years. Therefore, Richmond has been most fortunate in continuing this work uninterrupted, thereby contributing so much to the pleasure, culture and refinement of our city."

Not the Richmond Way.
"But it has not always been easy for the board of governors to provide means to continue this work, and just a few years ago the question was seriously debated whether it would not be wise for the club to suspend work for several years, hoping that the large part of that time the public would show a greater interest. However, this suggestion was not in line with the Richmond way—that is, to do things and never become discouraged—and the question of suspending the work, with the view of making the concerts more artistic, attractive and entertaining, thereby providing a sufficient sum of money to conduct the educational work of the club, which is largely the work of the chorus."

I am glad to say that the new plan has succeeded, and while we are yet carrying a deficit of \$1,300, losses sustained several years ago, our receipts for the last two festivals were about sufficient to pay the expenses, and as the club is not in the question to make money, the board of governors feel amply rewarded for their efforts, and are proud of the fact that we have at last reached the point where receipts will meet expenses, and satisfaction on the part of the board, however, does not mean that greater efforts will not be put forth each and every year for bigger and better festivals, appropriating an amount to raise money for the careful training of the chorus, and bringing artists of greater renown to take part in the concerts.

Midwinter Concerts.
"In my report last June, I recom-

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mended that the time had come when we should take up a midwinter concert. This suggestion met with the hearty approval of the board of governors and the chorus, and in December, at the City Auditorium, with the assistance of the Philharmonic Orchestra, the chorus rendered "The Messiah" in a most creditable manner. I regret to say, however, that the public did not respond as had been expected, and this indifference reflected considerably on the receipts from the sale of tickets, the amount received being \$234, with expenses \$549.14.

"As stated the work was splendidly rendered, the concert well advertised, and the chorus gave a most creditable performance. The board of governors now has a most creditable record to show, and it is the duty of the board of governors to see that the work is continued, and that the public is not disappointed in its expectations."

"I would suggest that efforts be made to increase the subscription list to 700, which will give a sufficient sum of money to insure an ample amount for local purposes and for the enlargement of the best orchestra and artists, leaving a balance sufficient to pay the present debt of the club."

"While on this subject, I would like to make a personal appeal to the public to sign subscription cards and send them to the secretary at once. By so doing the board of governors will have an opportunity to secure first choice of available artists."

Need New Auditorium.
"I also recommend that a committee of five be appointed from the club to investigate and ascertain if it is practical to start a movement at this time for a new auditorium, and if it is found impracticable at this time, and that it will be necessary to wait several years to secure a permanent hall, and that this committee will take steps to secure an appropriation to be used in building dressing rooms, boxes and extending the galleries of our present auditorium, together with other improvements."

SCHOOL FOR BOYS NEAR LYNCHBURG
Lynchburg, Va., May 27.—After working quietly for a long time the plans of the promoters of a boys' school to be located near Leftwich, in Amherst County, by the Episcopal Church, came to public notice here to-day. It is understood that forty acres of land on the Southern Railway has been donated for this purpose, and that other property will be bought in connection with the school.

Considerable money has already been raised for the purpose of establishing the school, this being intended to defray the expenses of Rev. R. C. Jett, who has just resigned a rectory at Staunton, while perfecting the organization. Mr. Jett will give his entire time to this work after September.

The site for the proposed school is located about five miles north of Lynchburg, at the junction of the old and new routes of the Southern Railway, and about half-way from the city to Sweet Briar College, an institution for women, maintained also by the Episcopal Church.

It is understood that the new school has already been assured, and that funds for its establishment will be forthcoming.

Dependent Man Ends Life.
Newport News, Va., May 27.—Dependent because of an attack of creeping paralysis, Herman B. Infield, aged fifty-nine years, a wood carver by trade, committed suicide at the home of his son here to-day by drinking carbolic acid. Infield had been in ill health for the past four years and had frequently threatened to end his life. He is survived by two daughters and two sons.

Chickens Come High.
Chickens are costly birds. At least that is what Charles Smith at Chesler discovered yesterday morning in Police Court, when Justice Crutchfield sent him to jail for six months for stealing five fowls from the henhouse of Floyd Woodson.

TWO RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR FRISCO SYSTEM

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Eastern Illinois, it is said, has proved a financial drain on the parent system. The St. Louis and San Francisco mileage now totals more than 7,500.

Financial District Not Surprised.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
New York, May 27.—Appointment of receivers for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company at St. Louis, and for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, at Chicago, this afternoon, according to the results of the proceedings, is due chiefly to two things—the inability to raise \$2,250,000 to take care of that amount of notes maturing June 1 next and the failure of R. P. Yokum to dispose of a half interest in the Chicago and Eastern Illinois to the St. Paul road.

The Frisco has been hovering in the shadow of a receivership for more than two weeks, so that the financial district was not surprised at the actual announcement.

"There was, however, an eleventh hour rush on the part of security holders to liquidate with the result that low records were established for practically all of the properties' securities. The common stock sold at the new record of 5; the first preferred at 24 7/8 and the second preferred at 19 1/2. The general lien 5s dropped eight points to the low figure of 55, while the refunding 4s lost nearly four points, and sold at the bottom figure of 45 3/4."

"It was our inability to raise enough money to take care of the \$2,250,000 notes falling due on June 1 that precipitated the application for receivership. We saw that we could not get the money to pay off the notes, and to prevent a further loss we decided to protect our interests by having a receiver appointed."

"There is no use in talking about how much money we need for this is a thing of the past. Until a reorganization plan is ready and a new list of securities built, we will not need any more money."

"The floating indebtedness of the St. Louis and San Francisco is between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. "I still believe that the Frisco is a good property and can 'come back,' I particularly want to say that there is no reason why owners of its securities should throw them overboard at any price obtainable, because I probably know better than many of the other men in the company, and perhaps the bankers, that they (the securities) are now selling under their real value. I see the refunding 4s are quoted at 45 3/4 and the general lien 5s are 55 1/4. I know they are worth more than that, and I would advise security holders to hold on. Mind you, I do not advise their purchase, but I believe that persons owning them will not lose if they keep them."

Mr. Hillard, in answer to a question as to who owned control of the road, said: "Control of the property is still owned by the original syndicate, which consists of Thomas H. West, of St. Louis; B. P. Yokum, James Campbell and Edwin Hawley estate."

Receivers for Subsidiary.
Chicago, Ill., May 27.—Receivers were appointed for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad to-day by Federal Judge Carpenter, on complaint of the Railway Steel Spring Company. The railroad at once filed an answer in the appointment of receivers. Attorneys interested said that three factors led up to the action in Chicago. First of these, it was said, was the knowledge that a receiver was to be asked at St. Louis for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad. Anticipation of the fact that the world was done by a tight money market was the other cause given for the action.

Rob Post-Office AT FOREST DEPOT
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., May 27.—The post-office at Forest Depot was robbed last night and the perpetrator or perpetrators secured about \$150 in cash for their trouble. The safe was blown open with nitroglycerine and, together with the interior of the small office, was badly wrecked.

No clue has been secured to the identity of the robber or robbers, but it is probable that the work was done by professional yegmen, who have had plenty of time to make good their escape.

Miss Yancey, the postmistress, could not say exactly how much money was taken, for the robber left a small amount of cash in the office and no stamps were stolen. This morning Miss Yancey notified Postmaster McLaughlin, of the local office, of the robbery, who immediately notified the post-office department at Washington of the trouble.

It was learned from Forest to-day that the explosion, which wrecked the safe, was heard in the village, and some little time after this the yegmen fired three shots into the air from a revolver, this evidently being done to terrify the residents of the village. It is thought the robbery occurred between midnight and 1 o'clock this morning.

Wednesday Club President



J. G. CORLEY.

(Photo by Foster.)

VIRGINIA PYTHIANS MEET AT NORFOLK

Several Hundred Members From All Parts of State in Attendance.

Norfolk, Va., May 27.—With several hundred members from all parts of the State in attendance, the forty-fifth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Virginia Pythians, assembled in the ballroom of the Lynnhaven Hotel this evening. The convention will continue through Wednesday and Thursday, and its sessions will be watched with more than usual interest on account of the fact that a number of important matters of legislative character will be brought to the attention of the grand body. In addition to the election of officers, which is expected to result in advancement of incumbents, generally speaking, the question of readjustment of the basis of representation in the grand lodge according to the membership of subordinate lodges will be acted upon. This is expected to evoke the liveliest sort of discussion and interest.

Representatives of Lynchburg were in the field early for the next morning, and are making a strong bid for this honor for the Hill City. It is believed their efforts will be successful.

Practically every one of the subordinate lodges, of which there are about seventy-five or eighty in the State, were represented at the opening session of the grand lodge, which was preceded by a public meeting. The latter was attended by a large gathering, including, besides members, a delegation of Pythian sisters, the State Grand Temple, which order began its annual convention here yesterday.

C. E. Morrisette, of Norfolk, called the assembly to order, and introduced Captain W. R. Mayo, Mayor of Norfolk, who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city in an interesting and eloquent address, in which he paid a high tribute to the order, its personnel and principles. William McK. Woodhouse, of Norfolk, master-at-arms of the grand lodge, delivered an address in which he welcomed the grand lodge on behalf of the lodges of this city and section. The response was by R. A. Ruffin, of Richmond, grand chancellor of Virginia. Mr. Ruffin's address, though brief, was witty and timely, and he, as well as the other speakers, was the recipient of prolonged applause.

After the opening ceremonies, the grand lodge was formally organized, and at the conclusion of the session there was exemplification of the third rank by a degree team from Brambleton Lodge, No. 56. The evening's exercises were concluded with a serial session.

To-morrow evening the officers and members of the grand lodge will be the guests of Lee Lodge, in Berkeley. The evening's exercises will include a serial session, with a special entertainment program arranged by Lee Lodge. Officers and members of the grand lodge of Virginia, Pythian Sisters, will be guests on this occasion.

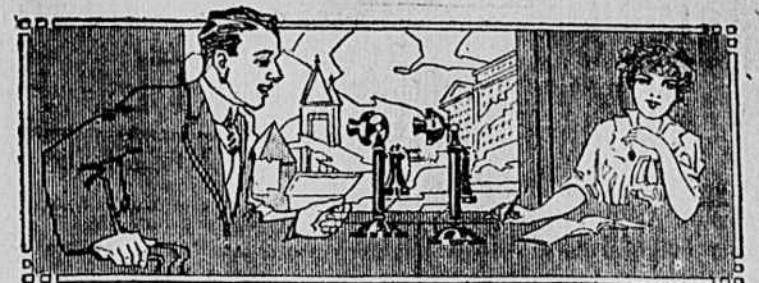
With about fifty representatives in attendance, the grand lodge, Pythian Sisters, of Virginia, began its annual meeting in the Lynnhaven Hotel to-day. Mrs. Elsie Vandervort, of Washington, D. C., grand chief, presided, and the speakers were Mayor W. R. Mayo, of Norfolk, and Alderman B. H. Johnson, of Central City, Colo., supreme chief of the order. The response to Mayor Mayo's address was by Mrs. Vandervort. The Mayor paid a graceful tribute to the work of the Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Johnson reviewed briefly the progress shown by the subordinate temples, which, she said, has been highly gratifying and encouraging.

U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.
The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which opened its session yesterday morning with Senior Circuit Judge Pritchard, Circuit Judge Knapp and Judge Johnson sitting. The following case was argued: *St. Louis, Ill., and H. D. Still's Sons, alleged bankrupts, et al., and Barrett Doughty (Inc.), et al., petitioners and appellants, vs. George S. Jones, et al., respondents and appellees, and revise from the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C., argued by Alexander Akerman and R. J. Doughty, judgment creditors, and by S. C. Mayfield, of Bamberg, S. C., and Charles Carroll Sims, of Charleston, S. C., for H. D. Still's Sons, alleged bankrupts, petitioners and appellants, and by George S. Jones, of Macon, Ga., and William H. Fleming, of Augusta, Ga., for respondents and appellees, and submitted in general and highly commended the work of the Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Johnson reviewed briefly the progress shown by the subordinate temples, which, she said, has been highly gratifying and encouraging.*

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WOODS'S NOMINATION NOT YET CONFIRMED

Friends of South Carolina Jurist Unable to Understand Delay by Senate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, May 27.—Friends of Justice Charles A. Woods, of South Carolina, who was recently nominated to succeed Judge Nathan Goff on the fourth circuit federal bench, are unable to understand why his confirmation is not forthcoming by the Senate. The nomination was favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Judiciary about ten days ago, but as yet final action had not been taken.

To-day, when Representative Carlin, of Virginia, undertook to see what could be done in the matter, objection was made, and his efforts were balked. As the situation now stands, the Senate has passed the Chilton bill providing for an additional judge for the Fourth Circuit, and has also adopted an amendment to a House bill substantially passing the same bill twice, or providing, so far as the Senate is concerned, that two additional judges be authorized. This was the amendment that the Virginia Congressman attempted to straighten out to-day by disagreeing to the Senate amendment when he was blocked by objection.

It has been hinted here that Justice Woods' nomination is confirmed under his present nomination at all, the further steps would be taken until the additional judgeship bill had passed both houses of Congress and become a law. However, the fact that Justice Woods has so far not been confirmed, and the docket of the Fourth Circuit are said to be already considerably congested, and as Judge Goff is now in the Senate, the circuit will be without the services of one judge until either Justice Woods can be confirmed or some way found to get out of the West Virginia end of the congressional tangle.

FAIL TO APPLY FOR LICENSE TO SELL LIQUOR IN CHATHAM.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Chatham, Va., May 27.—O. E. Hatcher Co. and the Chatham Liquor Company did not apply for license to sell liquor in Chatham to-day, as advertised. Failure to appear to-day prohibits the consideration of their application at this time.

License Tax Increased.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Alexandria, Va., May 27.—Common Council to-night passed the annual license bill, increasing the tax on forty-eight saloonkeepers from \$150 to \$250 a year. Action by the Aldermen was deferred until Friday.

CASE IS SETTLED BY COMPROMISE
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Eureka Mills, Va., May 27.—In the case of Miss De Loca Banton, of Appomattox County, who taught school the past session in this county, against W. D. Rice for alleged defamation of character, which came to trial in the Circuit Court to-day, a compromise was effected. Mr. Rice signed a paper, which will be a matter of record.

In this paper, which he never made to any person or persons the statements attributed to him in the declaration filed in this cause, nor any one of said statements, and he disclaims each and all of them. In addition, he says that he never made to any person any statement in any way impugning her moral character,

and if at any time he made any remark which has been so construed, he begs to retract and to apologize for it.

The defendant is to pay all costs. John L. Lee and A. E. Storde represented the prosecution, and Carrington and Chensaid and Judge Green the defense. This case has attracted considerable notoriety.

ALL PUNISHED
Justice Crutchfield Doesn't Tolerate Drunk and Disorderly Conduct.

Police Justice Crutchfield, plainly showed yesterday morning that he will not tolerate the conduct of drunk and disorderly persons when those brought before him on this charge were heavily fined.

Charles J. Gorman was fined \$20 and costs for being drunk and disorderly at 406 South Harrison Street. In default he went to jail. J. W. Rountree was fined \$20 and costs for the same offense. He paid it. Rufus Thompson, colored, was fined \$10 for being disorderly on a Broad and Twenty-fifth Street car. R. F. Chalkley went to jail for thirty days in default of \$100 bond. He was also charged with being drunk and disorderly.

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